

Indiana Archaeology Month

September 2005

Calendar of Events



The **Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology** (DHPA), part of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, is proud to have coordinated Indiana Archaeology Month, the tenth annual statewide archaeology event. Governor Daniels signed the official Proclamation July 7th creating this year's Archaeology Month (September, 2005).

Again this year, many exciting activities will be available for the public to participate in. We hope that more and more people will gain a greater appreciation for the science of archaeology and what it may teach us about the past. We encourage you to call either the contact person listed for the event or the Division (317/232-1646) to obtain information regarding the various activities. Also, continue to check our webpage (www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/archeomonth.html) for additional information.

For a list of those who have made Indiana Archaeology Month 2005 events possible, go to www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/archeoevenhost.html.

Single day events are listed below first, followed by multiple day events.

Prior to Archaeology Month

Saturday, August 20. 2p.m.- 4p.m. Front porch and/or small shelter at the DNR building, Indiana State Fair grounds, Indianapolis. Bring your artifacts to the Natural Resources Building for identification. This is an opportunity for Hoosiers to learn about prehistoric and historic artifacts that they have found or own. DNR archaeologists will share what they know in a format similar to the popular PBS show. Unlike antique roadshows, the archaeologists will *not* provide financial appraisals. For additional information, contact Amy Johnson at 317/232-1646.

Saturday, August 27. 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Indiana State Museum, Indianapolis, Indiana. Unlock the secrets to Indiana's hidden history and explore the world of Indiana archaeology at the Indiana State Museum's 4th Annual Archaeology Day. Take part in a variety of hands-on activities including spear throwing, making your own cordage, creating rock art, unraveling a cultural history mystery, and much, much more. Professional archaeologists will be on hand to discuss recent excavations and demonstrate ancient life through flint knapping, pottery making and other skills. Archaeologists also will be available to identify artifacts and discuss the importance of registering archaeological sites in Indiana. Admission is free for members; included in museum admission for non-members. For more information contact Gail Brown, natural history program coordinator at 317/234-2412, email gbrown@dnr.IN.gov, or visit online at indianamuseum.org.

Single Day Events

Saturday, September 3. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Falls of the Ohio State Park, Clarksville, IN. Archaeology Day. The Falls of the Ohio Archaeological Society and the IDNR sponsor this event, which gets bigger every year. Enjoy various educational displays, many hands-on activities for the kids and guest speaker Noel Justice (Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology, IU) at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Justice will speak about the importance of the Falls of the Ohio area in regional prehistory.

Archaeologists will be available to date your artifacts and explain how they were used by Native Americans, and much more! For further information contact Bett Etenohan (812/280-9970) or Sundeia Murphy, Sundeia2@aol.com.

Saturday, September 3. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Spring Mill State Park, Grissom Memorial, Mitchell, IN. Archaeology Road Show. Activities will include artifact identifications and vendors on the park grounds. Park entrance fee is \$ 4 for in-state vehicles and \$5 for out-of-state vehicles. For further information call 812/849-4129.

Saturday, September 3. 1:00 p.m. Dubois County Museum (2704 Newton Street US 231), Jasper, IN. Josh Wells, Prehistory Research Fellow at the Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology (I.U.), will talk about the Mississippian culture of the Wabash Valley about 1,000 years ago. The Museum is open from 10 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Visit the Archaeology & Native American exhibit. For additional information, contact Mary Ann Hayes at 812/634-7733.

Sunday, September 4. 10:00- Noon, 1-4:00 p.m. Turkey Run State Park. Nature Center. Marshall, IN. Participate in Archaeology Day at Turkey Run State Park for artifact identification, atlatl event, petroglyph facepainting, a mock excavation, and more. DNR archaeologists will be available for questions and discussions on archaeological topics such as artifact identification, preserving and recording information on archaeological sites, and more! Visitors must pay standard park gate fee. Please contact Barbara Cummings at 765/597-2654 for more information.

Tuesday, September 6. 7 p.m. Walton Public Library, Walton, IN. State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones will give a presentation on archaeology and archaeology of the area. Contact Gordon Southern at 574/626-2234 for further information.

Friday, September 9. 10:00-3:00 p.m. Atterbury Fish and Wildlife Area. Near Edinburgh. IN. Come and learn about past cultures that inhabited Indiana and the artifacts they left behind. DNR-DHPA archaeologist Cathy Draeger will be there

to answer questions and give a short presentation using archaeological evidence on how early people lived in Indiana. Free event for all ages. For further information, please contact Terry Smith at 812/526-2051.

Saturday, September 10- Science Central, 1950 North Clinton St., Fort Wayne, IN. Lunch with a Scientist- Archaeology Special Series, Part 1. For families with young people from 8 years on up. Families are able to get up close and personal with a scientist, and then everyone enjoys lunch. This program is being conducted by IPFW Archaeological Survey Archaeologist Andrew White, and will be a special two and a half hour session. Participants will learn the ins and outs of archaeological techniques and dig into a plot of ground prepared ahead of time by his team. You will also learn how to map and grid the dig site. Participants will also create their own Indian artifact. For more detailed information, go to <http://www.sciencecentral.org/lwas.htm>, or call 219/424-2400.

Wednesday, September 14. Noon. Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN. DHPA Archaeology Outreach Coordinator Amy Johnson will give a free Powerpoint presentation on Indiana Archaeology. For information, contact Amy Johnson (317/232-1646) or Dawn Lipp at 317/232-3699.

Wednesday, September 14. 10 a.m.- Noon, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Archaeology Laboratory (Stone Hall 218), Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. There will be an archaeology laboratory open-house for the interested public. There will be tours of the facility offered, as well as tri-fold displays and artifacts from the recent Purdue archaeological field school excavations and current graduate student research. Graduate student James MacNaughton will be the host. For further information, contact Dr. Rotman at 765/494-4683.

Thursday, September 15. 7- 8:30 p.m. Tippecanoe County Public Library, 627 South St., Lafayette, IN. State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones will give a presentation on archaeology and the rich archaeological heritage of Tippecanoe County. Contact Elizabeth Coolman at 765/429-0100 for further information.

Thursday, September 15. 6:30 p.m. Angel Mounds State Historic Site, Visitor Center, Evansville, IN. The Modern History of Angel Mounds, 1930s through Today. Mike Linderman and Marjorie Jones will lead a slide show, discussion and reminiscing about the Glenn A. Black/Eli Lilly era all the way through to the present. They are encouraging those who knew the key players to attend and share their thoughts and stories about Glenn Black, Mr. Lilly, Frances Martin, Dr. Jim Kellar and others who made the Angel Site nationally known. The event is free to the public. For additional information, contact Mike Linderman at 812/455-3478.

Friday, September 16. 2- 6:00 p.m. Bloomfield Public Library, Bloomfield, IN. DNR Archaeologist Tim Wright will identify artifacts that the public brings in and will give a brief presentation at 5pm. For further information contact Carolyn Konnert at (812) 384-4125.

Saturday, September 17th. 12:00-2:00 p.m. Native American Museum. Nature Center. 5170 E. Poplar St. Terre Haute, IN. DHPA archaeologist Cathy Draeger will give a presentation on the native resources of past people and will be available for questions and discussions on the importance of preserving archaeological sites and the role of the DHPA. For additional information, contact Jane Creedon at 812/877-6007.

Saturday, September 17. 2- 3:00 p.m. Johnson County Public Library, Franklin, IN. DHPA Archaeology Outreach Coordinator Amy Johnson will give a presentation titled “Archaeology in Your Community.” Amy will present information on archaeology that is happening around our state, the State Archaeologist’s office and more. For further information contact Todson Jeffcoat at 317/738-2833.

Saturday, September 17. O’Bannon Woods State Park, Nature Center, Corydon, IN. 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Archaeology Day. Archaeologist Noel Justice, Assistant Director and Curator of Collections for the Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology (I.U.), will be identifying artifacts brought in by the public. Mr. Justice will be able to share information on the age of the artifacts as well as the people who made them. \$4 for in-state vehicles, \$5 for out-of-state. For further information, contact Jarrett Manek at 812/738-8234.

Sunday, September 18. 10 a.m - 4:00 p.m. McCormick's Creek State Park Spencer, IN. The White River Valley Archaeological Association (WRVAA) will hold a program at the park Nature Center. The program will include artifact and chert exhibits; literature illustrating the archaeology of southwestern Indiana; replicas of prehistoric tools; flint knapping demonstrations; an exhibit of excavation equipment and documents; and information about quadrangle maps, archaeological fieldwork, site recordation, and site preservation. In addition, the public will be invited to bring artifacts for identification and to participate in activities such as flint knapping and atlatl throwing. For further information contact Curtis Tomak at 317/232-5210.

Sunday, September 18. 1:30- 4:00 p.m. Mont Clair on Johnson Farm Road, Vincennes, IN. Grouseland presents “**Kids Dig It.**” A fun dig for kids will be hosted by Mark and Becca Ewing. Ewing ancestors built this historic home ca. 1806, and it has remained in the Ewing family ever since. This simulated archaeological dig will be for children ages 10-13. The workshop is limited to 40 children. A \$20 fee includes a t-shirt and snack. Proceeds go to Grouseland. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Grouseland at 812/882-2096 by September 14. Children should bring gloves, and dress to get dirty. In case of rain, the event is cancelled until further notice.

Monday, September 19. 6:30 p.m. Hammond Public Library, 564 State Street, Hammond, IN. Dr. Rick Jones, State Archaeologist, will give a presentation on archaeology and the archaeology of the area. Contact Nancy Nye at 219/931-5100 for further information.

Tuesday, September 20. Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library, McMillan B Meeting Room, Plainfield, IN. 7 p.m. The Stories Bones Tell. Adam Kolatorowicz, a researcher with the University of Indianapolis' renowned archeology and forensics laboratory, will talk about and show slides of the lab's work. Headed by Dr. Stephen Nawrocki, Indiana's only board certified forensic anthropologist, the university's lab has consulted with the DNR and crime investigators in solving a number of intriguing cases. Learn how crime scene scientists use methods which can enable bones to reveal information about the ancestry, age, and gender of skeletons from the recent or ancient past. Registration

is required! For additional information, call 317/839-6602, ext. 114 or go to <http://history.plainfield.lib.in.us/Programs.htm>.

Wednesday, September 21. 7:00 p.m. Alexandrian Public Library, northwest corner of 5th and Main Streets, Mount Vernon, IN. Did you know that Posey County archaeologists found some of the oldest beans in eastern North America? Dr. Leslie L. Bush, Research Fellow at the Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology, I.U., will give an illustrated public lecture titled “The Amazing True Story of How Southern Indiana Became Farm Country.” Dr. Bush is an expert in archaeo-botany and has identified prehistoric plant remains (both wild and cultivated species) from a number of sites in Indiana. For further information call 812/838-3286 or contact Cheryl Munson at either 812/855-0528 (before Aug. 20) or 812/325-3407 (after Aug. 20).

Wednesday, September 21. 7:00 p.m. Angel Mounds State Historic Site, Visitor Center, Evansville, IN. Michael Aakhus, Ass. Dean of Liberal Arts, University of Southern Indiana, will give a lecture and slide show titled “The Ancient Aztecs.” Free to the public. For additional information, contact Mike Linderman at 812/455-3478.

Saturday, September 24. 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Strawtown Koteewi Park, Strawtown, IN. Take part in the ancient activity of throwing atlatls! Atlatls were Native American hunting tools and were used for thousands of years. Don Fisher, a representative from the Indiana and World Atlatl Associations, will be at the park to help all of those wishing to throw an atlatl. Spectators and enthusiasts are welcome throughout the day. Atlatls will be available for use and sale. While you’re there, check out the Taylor Center of Natural History and the other archaeology activities taking place. For more information on this free event, please call the Cool Creek Nature Center at 317/848-0576.

Saturday, September 24. 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Ohio County Indiana Historical Society and Museum, Rising Sun, IN. Native American Prehistoric Artifact ID. Archaeologist Jim Mohow will be on hand to identify your prehistoric artifacts. He will tell you what it is made from and how it was used. Throughout

the day Mr. Mohow will share stories of his experiences in Indiana archaeology, both past and present. For further information, contact Bill Dietl at 812/438-4915.

Wednesday, September 28. 6:00 p.m. Angel Mounds State Historic Site, Visitor Center, Evansville, IN. Staffan Peterson, archaeologist with the Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology, I.U., will give a year-end wrap up talk about the I.U. archaeological fieldschool at Angel Mounds. He will cover: What was found? Are there new questions raised from the excavations? And what will future work at site hold. Free to the interested public. For additional information, contact Mike Linderman at 812/455-3478.

Wednesday, September 28. 7-9 p.m. Valparaiso University Student Union, Valparaiso, IN. The Kankakee Valley Historical Society and the Geography and Meteorology Dept. of Valparaiso Univ. are hosting a lecture given by Dr. Mark Schurr, Univ. of Notre Dame. Dr. Schurr will give a presentation titled “Collier Lodge Archaeology: A First Look at Results from 2005.” Dr. Schurr will provide a “first look” at what was found in 2005 and talk about possible plans for future archaeological investigations. For further information contact John Hodson at 219/766-2302 or go to www.kankakeevalleyhistoricalsociety.org.

Saturday, October 1st. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Taylor Center of Natural History, Strawtown Koteewi Park, Strawtown, IN. Collection Identification- Do you have some stone tools, projectile points, or other Native American artifacts about which you would like to learn more? Archaeologist Jim Mohow will be available to help artifact collectors identify items in their personal collections. When possible, Mr. Mohow will provide dates and information associated with these fascinating items from the past, and the people who used them. For more information please call the Cool Creek Nature Center at 317/848-0576.

Multiple Day Events

Saturday, September 10 and Sunday, September 11. Science Central, 1950 North Clinton St., Fort Wayne, IN. Cost: \$15 per person/per session, \$8 for Science Central members. Families are welcome. 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. The

Science of Arrowheads. Compare and contrast 5 different Indian arrowheads provided by the IPFW Archaeological Survey. Make your own cast and learn all about your specimen before taking it home for further study. We'll also discuss how physics plays its part in flintknapping. For reservations, call (260) 424-2400, ext 451 or visit <http://www.sciencecentral.org/>.

Saturday, Saturday 10 (10a.m.-9p.m.) and Sunday, September 11 (10 a.m.-4p.m.), Andersontown Pow Wow, Athletic Park, Anderson, IN. Shop for authentic handmade Native American art, painting, jewelry, sculpture, and cultural items in the Indian Market. Meet the artists to learn about contemporary Indian arts and culture. Also enjoy dancing, performances, cultural demonstrations, storytelling, food, and family fun held on the banks of the White River at Athletic Park. DHPA archaeologist Chris Koepfel will be identifying artifacts on Sunday from 1-4 p.m. Admission is \$5, 8 and under are free. Go to <http://www.andersontownpowwow.org> for additional information.

Saturday, September 17 and Sunday, September 18, Mounds State Park, near Visitor Center, Anderson, IN. 9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. \$4.00 per car admission to park; All activities are free for the Archaeology Weekend. Activities will include flintknapping demonstrations, atlatl throwing contests, artifact identifications, hikes led by archaeologists, a prehistoric pottery workshop, actual excavations conducted by Ball State University and much more. For additional information, contact Jody Heaston at 765/649-8128.

Saturday, September 17 and Sunday, September 18. Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, Porter, IN. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. In conjunction with the Duneland Harvest Festival, Jay Sturdevant, Midwest Archeological Center archaeologist will present exhibits on and handouts about archaeology at the National Lakeshore and throughout the National Park Service. He will also present exercises for kids to teach them about archaeology and answer any questions. The Duneland Harvest Festival has no admission fee, but there is a \$6 parking fee per car. For more information call 219/926-7561, x342.

Tuesday, September 20 – Friday, October 7, Tuesday through Saturday. Strawtown Koteewi Park (Strawtown, IN). 9a.m. – 4 p.m. Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne archaeologists will be on site conducting archaeological surveys which will be open to the public. The park Naturalist staff will be available for free site tours and discussions about the site and the Native American groups who once occupied the area. Pre-registered group tours will take place at the Taylor Center of Natural History. Organized groups such as school field trips, scouts, and adult clubs are welcome, as well as smaller family and citizen groups. For more information, or to pre-register for an archaeology field trip or tour, please call Amanda Smith, Chief Naturalist, at 317/848-0576. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis, so please confirm early.

Friday, September 23, Saturday, September 24, and Sunday, September 25. Angel Mounds State Historic Site, Evansville, IN. 10a.m. – 10 p.m. daily. \$10 per carload. Native American Days- Dancing, demonstrations, food, and crafts to purchase will be available. For additional information, contact Mike Linderman at 812/455-3478.

Saturday, September 24, and Sunday, September 25, Hovey Lake site, west of Evansville in Posey Co. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., rain or shine. At the Excavation Openhouse visitors will learn about the scientific methods archaeologists use in excavations and data analysis. Students from I.U.-Bloomington and the University of Evansville will join the I.U. team to help with the fieldwork and answer questions. Each day will include both interactive laboratory work and “hands-on” activities. University of Southern Indiana (USI) Professor Rob Mann and USI students will demonstrate the work of an archaeology field lab. Adults and children can appreciate early Native American village life by using ancient methods and tools used for planting a crop and grinding the harvested corn into meal. I.U. students will demonstrate flintknapping to make stone tools. Directions: Drive south of Mount Vernon on State Road 69. Go to the Hovey Lake Fish and Wildlife Area’s Visitor’s Center for parking, to see exhibits and demonstrations, and to begin the tour. A van will shuttle visitors to the excavations. Further information can be found at www.indiana.edu/~archaeo/iam, or by calling Cheryl Munson at either 812/855-0528 (before Aug. 20) or 812/325-3407 (after Aug. 20).

Entire Month Events

September 1- 30th- Monday- Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Library is closed state holidays) Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN. An Indiana Archaeology Month exhibit will be available to view outside the Indiana Historical Bureau. Learn about archaeology in our state, and what Indiana Archaeology Month is all about. While there, be sure to visit the Indiana Historical Bureau and the Library to learn about the available archaeology resources. For information, contact Amy Johnson or Cathy Draeger at 317/232-1646.

September 1-30th- 9a.m. – 5p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1p.m.-5p.m. Sundays, closed Monday. Angel Mounds State Historic Site, Evansville, IN. Angel Mounds will have an exhibit up all month highlighting those who were involved at Angel Mounds. On loan from the Glenn Black Laboratory of Archaeology (I.U.) is equipment used on the digs from the 1930s through the 1970s. Original magnetometer and other testing devices will be on display in the lobby, along with rarely seen photos of Glenn A. Black, James Kellar and other notable archaeologists. Also on display are the original plaster models made during the 1930s through the 1950s of reconstructed structures on the site. For additional information, contact Mike Linderman at 812/455-3478.

Exhibits for Indiana Archaeology Month in Southwestern Indiana, throughout September: Exhibits on archaeology will be available at the Hovey Lake Fish & Wildlife Area Visitor Center, Alexandrian Public Library (Mt. Vernon), and Workingmen's Institute of New Harmony, Library and Museum. The exhibit at the Hovey Lake Visitor's Center will feature information about current research at Hovey Lake and evidence of prehistoric agriculture; IU graduate students Dru McGill and Alicia Ebbitt conducted the research and design for this year's exhibit. At the Workingmen's Institute in New Harmony, a display will show prehistoric tools. The Alexandrian Library will also have an exhibit. For further information contact Cheryl Ann Munson at (812) 325-3407, (munsonc@indiana.edu) or check www.indiana.edu/~archaeo/iam.

September 1-30, Monday -Saturday, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Grouseland, Vincennes, IN. Throughout September, Grouseland, the historic

home of William Henry Harrison, will present a special interpretive display, "Digging Into Our Past." This display will feature artifacts, documents, and photos from at least three archaeological digs conducted at Grouseland throughout the almost 100-year history of its being owned and maintained by the Francis Vigo Chapter of the DAR. Harrison, the first Governor of the Indiana Territory and the ninth President, lived and governed in Vincennes from 1800 to 1812. Many artifacts date from that period. Other artifacts provide an interesting perspective into the lives of others occupying the over 200-year old home. The fee is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and \$2 for children. For further information, call 812/882-2096.

Archaeology Learning Kits- Teachers and youth leaders (grades 4-8) throughout Indiana and adjacent states who are interested in using innovative activities to teach their classes about archaeology can participate in Indiana Archaeology Month with their students through distance learning or at programs around the state. They can borrow Archaeology Learning Kits and rent a 20 minute video about archaeological research at the Hovey Lake site. The kits include artifacts, maps, and other information about archaeology. The Learning Kits and video are available year round for use by schools and youth groups throughout Indiana and adjacent states. For further information, visit <http://www.usi.edu/extserv/archlgy/>.

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